

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending, with claims 1, 11, 16, and 22 being independent. Claims 22-24 have been added by this amendment.

Claims 2-15, and 17-21 stand objected to because of informalities. Applicant has amended these claims to overcome the objections and respectfully requests removal of the objections.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Brown (6,195,691). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 recites a method for data transfer between a host system, a database, and a terminal server that includes, among other things, the following features. At a host system, a terminal server identifier is received from a terminal server. Based on the received terminal server identifier, a database is queried to obtain service data associated with the location of the terminal server, which is automatically sent from the host system to the terminal server. Claim 16 recites a computer program having some of the above features.

Claim 11 recites a host system that includes, inter alia, a database that has a record associating a terminal server identifier with service data specific to a location, an interface to exchange data with a terminal server using a communications link, and a processor configured to receive the terminal server identifier from the data interface, to query the database for location specific service data associated with the terminal server identifier, and to send the location specific service data obtained by the query to the data interface for transmission to the terminal server.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 11, and 16 because Brown fails to disclose or suggest querying a database based on the terminal server identifier to obtain service data that is associated with the location of the terminal server.

Brown discloses a method for creating and using a dynamic universal resource locators to link an Internet end user to a host selected from two or more hosts on the Internet. The Office Action argues that the local ISP illustrated in Fig. 1 of Brown is the same as the recited terminal

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server. However, Brown fails to describe or suggest the local ISP is associated in a database with a terminal server identifier or that the terminal server identifier is then used to obtain location specific service data.

Thus, Brown does not describe a terminal server having a location that is associated in a database with the terminal server identifier, and Brown also fails to disclose sending location specific service data to the terminal server based on the location of the terminal server.

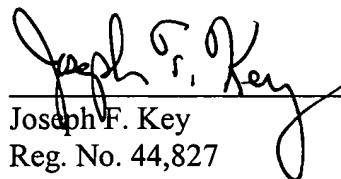
For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of § 102(e) rejection of claims 1, 11, and 16, and their dependent claims 2-10, 12-15, and 17-21.

New independent claim 22 is believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Additionally, claim 22 recites that the host system is the single source for maintaining the location specific service data, querying the database to obtain the location specific service data based on the location of the terminal server, and sending the location specific service data to the terminal server. Brown fails to disclose or suggest these recited features. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that claim 22 and its dependent claims 23 and 24 be allowed.

Enclosed is a \$140.00 check for excess claim fees. During the pendency of this application, please apply any deficiencies or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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